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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES (GOM) PLAN TO EXPAND

DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES ABROAD

1. WHILE PASSING THROUGH COLOMBO ON WAY TO ISLAMIC FOREIGN  
MINISTERS MEETING, GOM MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, FATHULLA  
JAMEEL, MADE COURTESY CALL ON SRI LANKA'S MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS ON APRIL 18. MEETING WAS PRIVATE, BUT LOCAL  
PRESS AND GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA MFA OFFICIALS INDICATED  
SOME SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE.

2. MFA OFFICIAL SAID THAT BOTH MINISTERS RESTATED THEIR  
LONG-STANDING INTENTIONS TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN  
RESPECTIVE CAPITALS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORT,  
JAMEEL ASKED FOR SRI LANKA'S ASSISTANCE IN REORGANIZING AND  
EXPANDING GOM MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. ARTICLE ALSO  
REFERS TO MALDIVIAN HOPES TO TRAIN MORE PERSONNEL

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"TO MAN ITS PROPOSED MISSIONS ABROAD."

3. COMMENT:

GOM OVER PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN URGING OTHER COUNTRIES  
TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN MALE. THERE  
ARE THREE THERE NOW, INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND LIBYA. USA  
CONSULAR AGENCY WILL OPEN IN NEAR FUTURE. RECENT

DECISION TO ACCREDIT GOM UN PERM REP CONCURRENTLY TO  
WASHINGTON, AND REPORTS ON THIS COLOMBO MEETING MAY  
MEAN GOM IS WEIGHING POTENTIAL GAINS, PROBABLY  
ECONOMIC, IN MOVING OUT INTO THE WORLD, AT LEAST ON A  
MODEST SCALE. GOM CURRENTLY HAS NO DIPLOMATIC  
MISSIONS ABROAD, SAVE FOR UN PERM REP.

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